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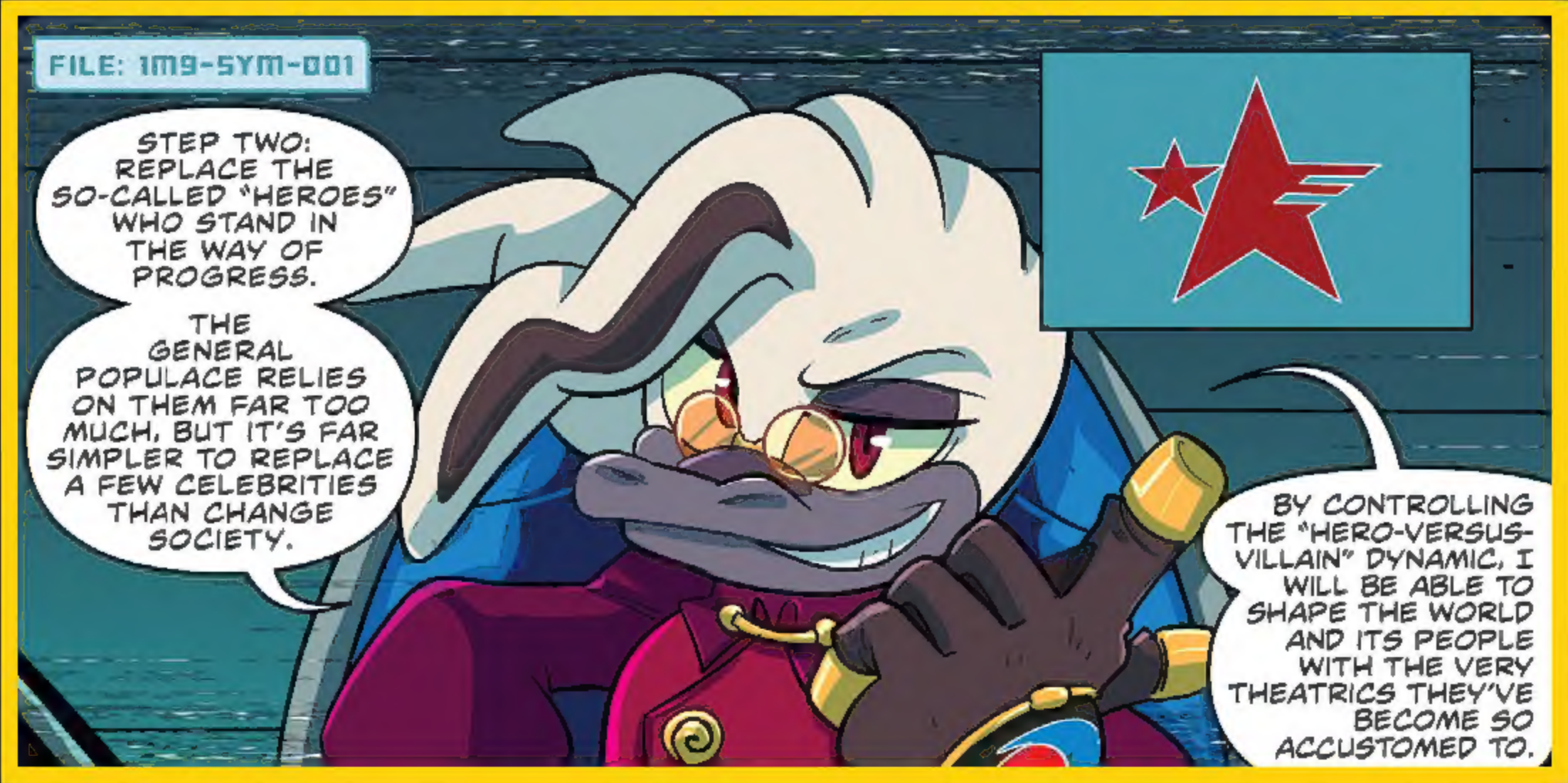


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STORY SO FAR







***DR. STARLINE***

Theatrical Scientist.  
Nefarious puppeteer.



***SURGE THE TENREC***

The Mean Green.  
Roguish speedster.



***KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC***

Sorrowful Sidekick.  
High-flying hydromancer.



FILE: 1M9-SYM-002

I HAVE TESTED SURGE AND KITSUNAMI AS BEST I CAN. NOW, WE COME TO THE FINAL CHECK BEFORE INITIATING "OPERATION: REMASTER."

WE MUST BE **EXCEEDINGLY** CAREFUL. IF THIS FAILS, THERE WILL BE NO SECOND CHANCES.



"PREVIOUSLY, I HAD USED AN OVERRIDE PROGRAM TO TAKE COMMAND OF DR. EGGMAN'S FORCES.\*

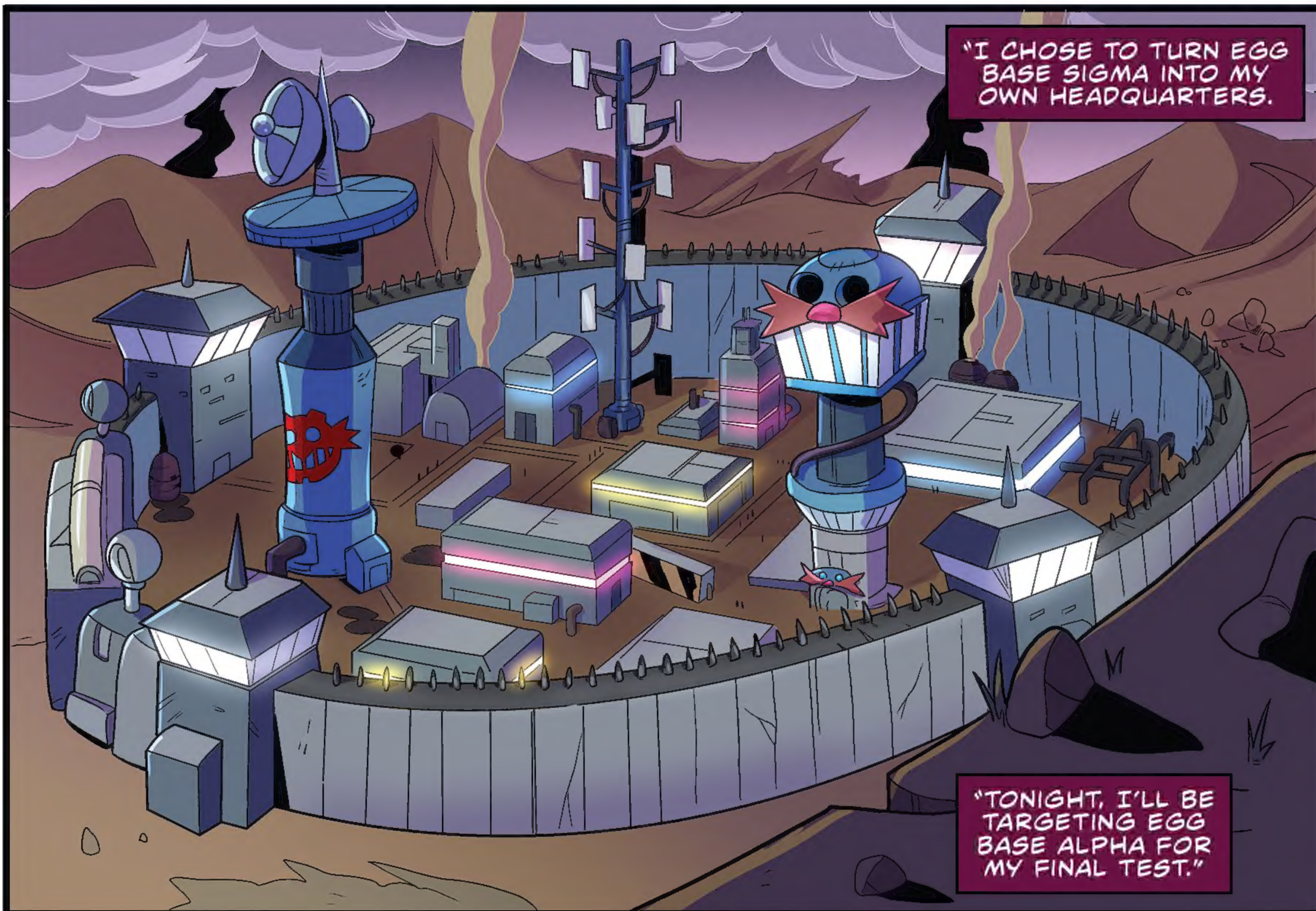
"HOWEVER, IT RELIED ON THE NETWORK'S PERMISSIONS TO EXPLOIT BACKDOORS INTO THE EGGNET.

"FOR MY ENDGAME, I MUST BE ABLE TO OVERPOWER ALL OF DR. EGGMAN'S CONTROL DIRECTLY.



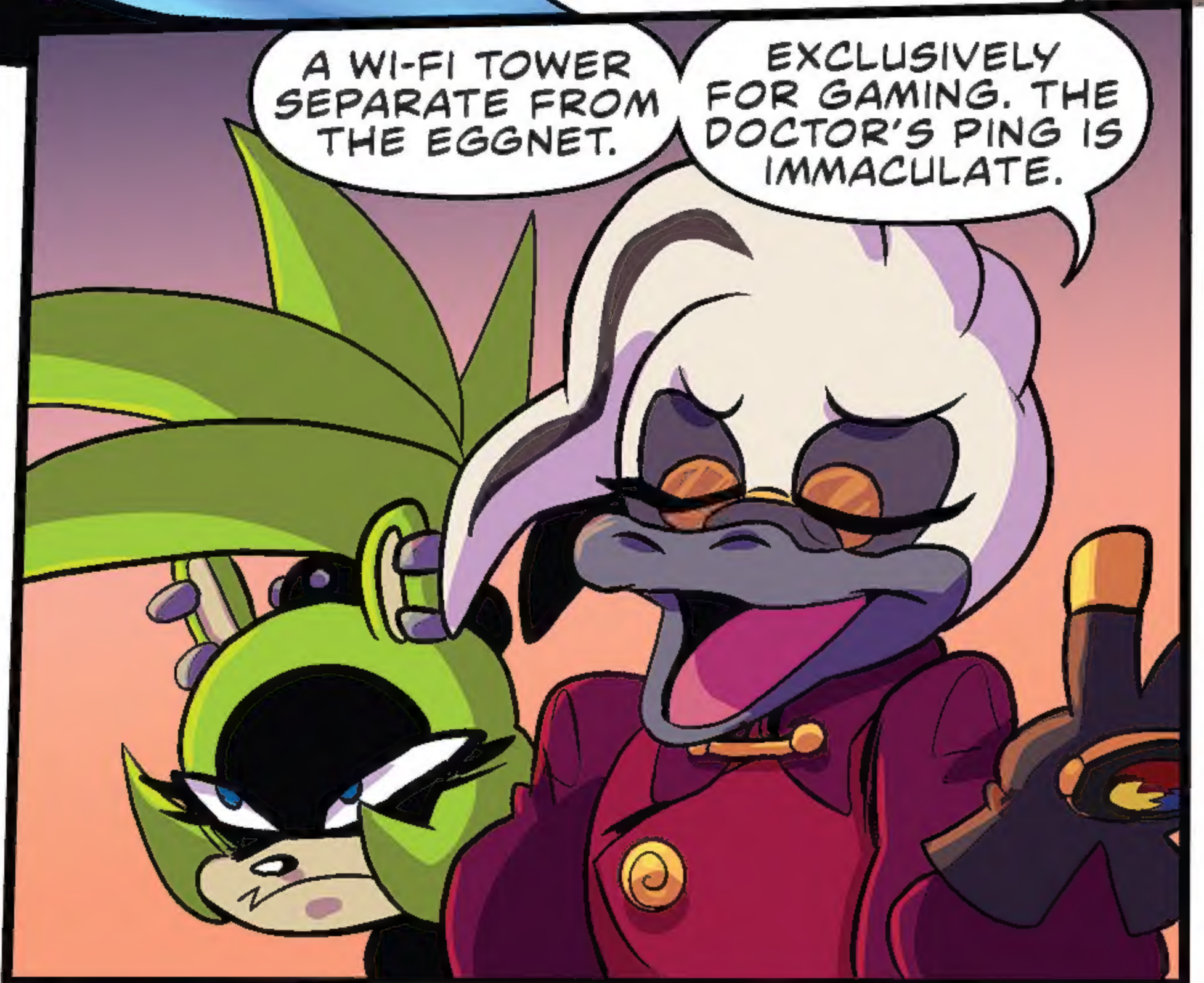
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"I CHOSE TO TURN EGG BASE SIGMA INTO MY OWN HEADQUARTERS.

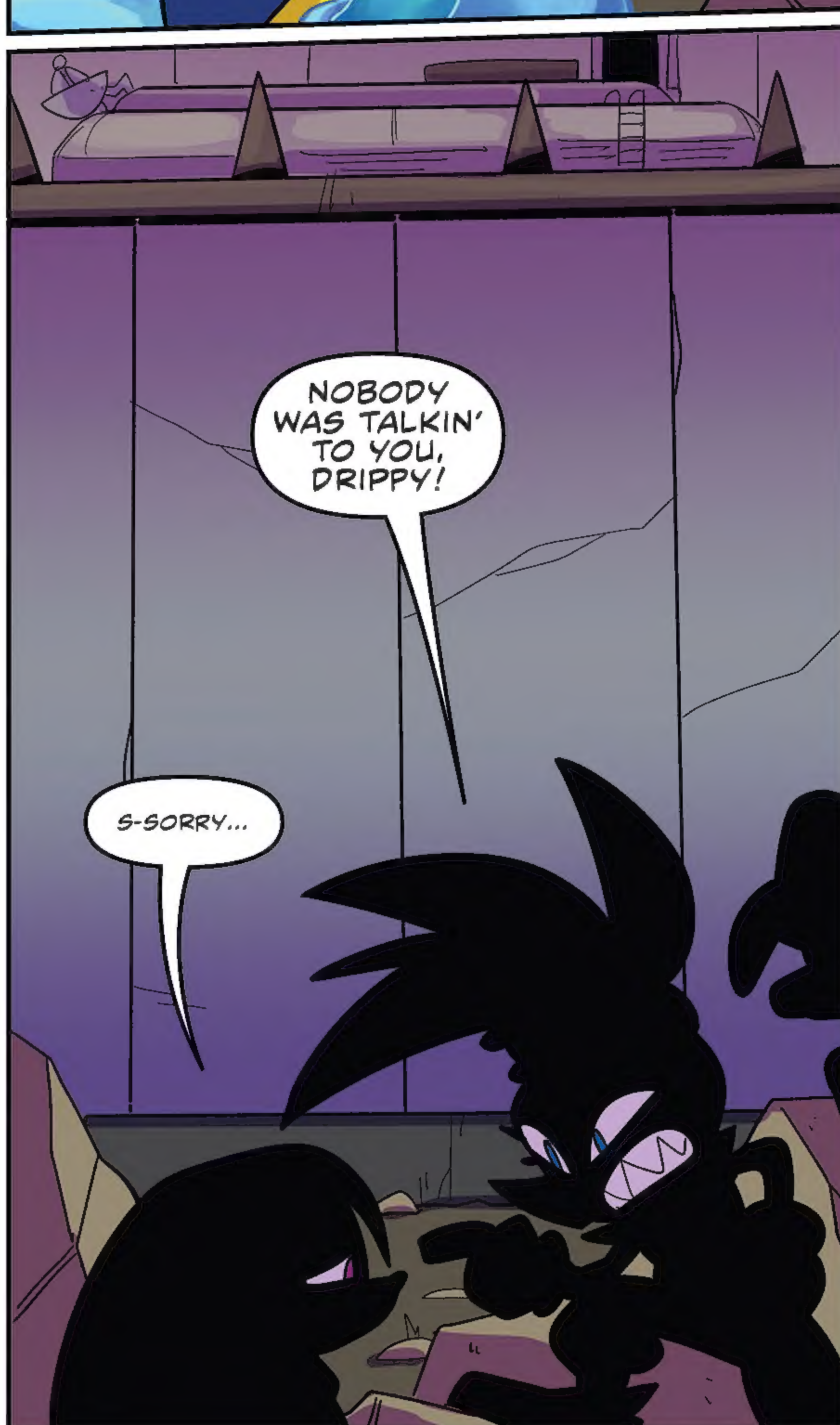


"TONIGHT, I'LL BE TARGETING EGG BASE ALPHA FOR MY FINAL TEST."

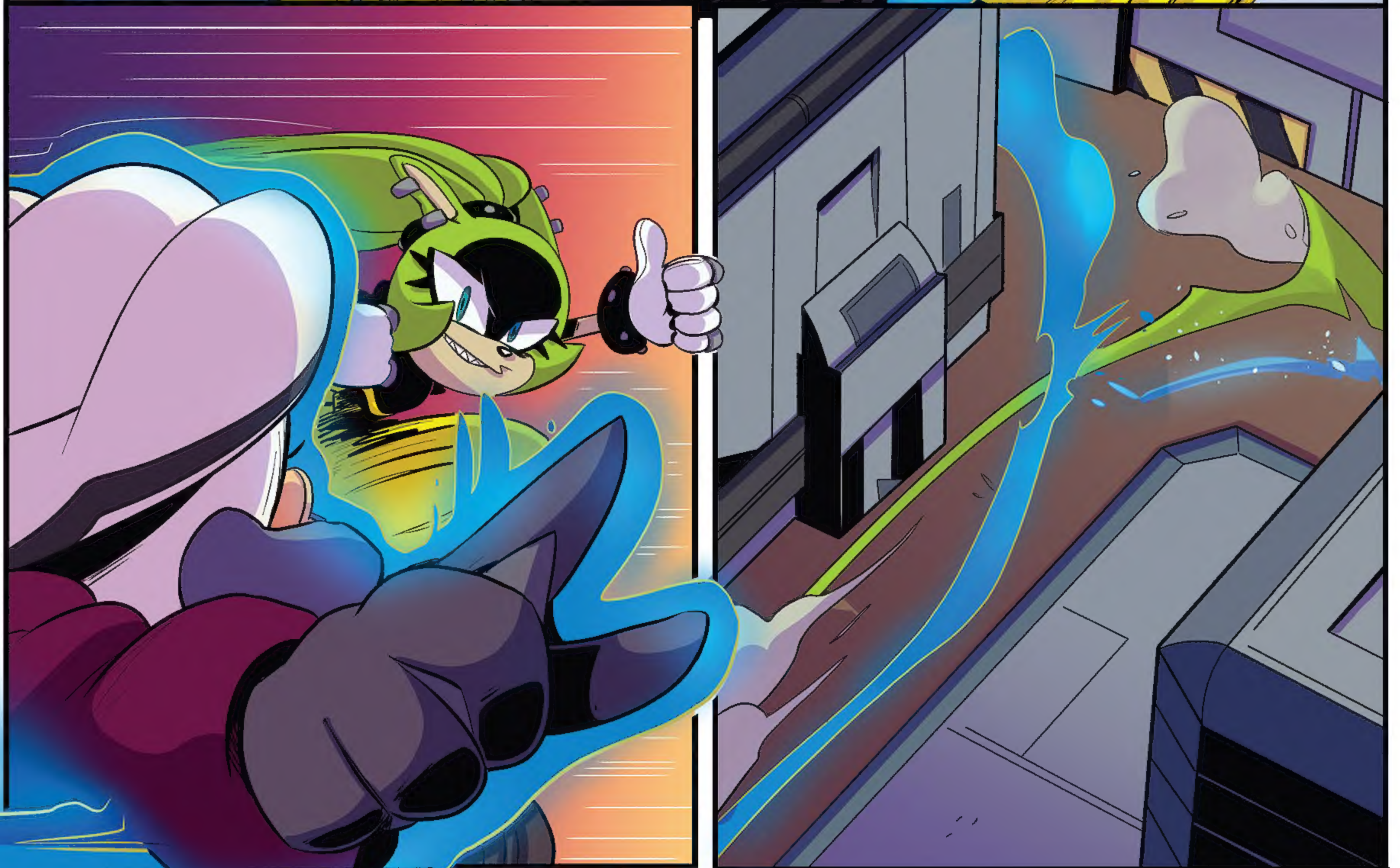




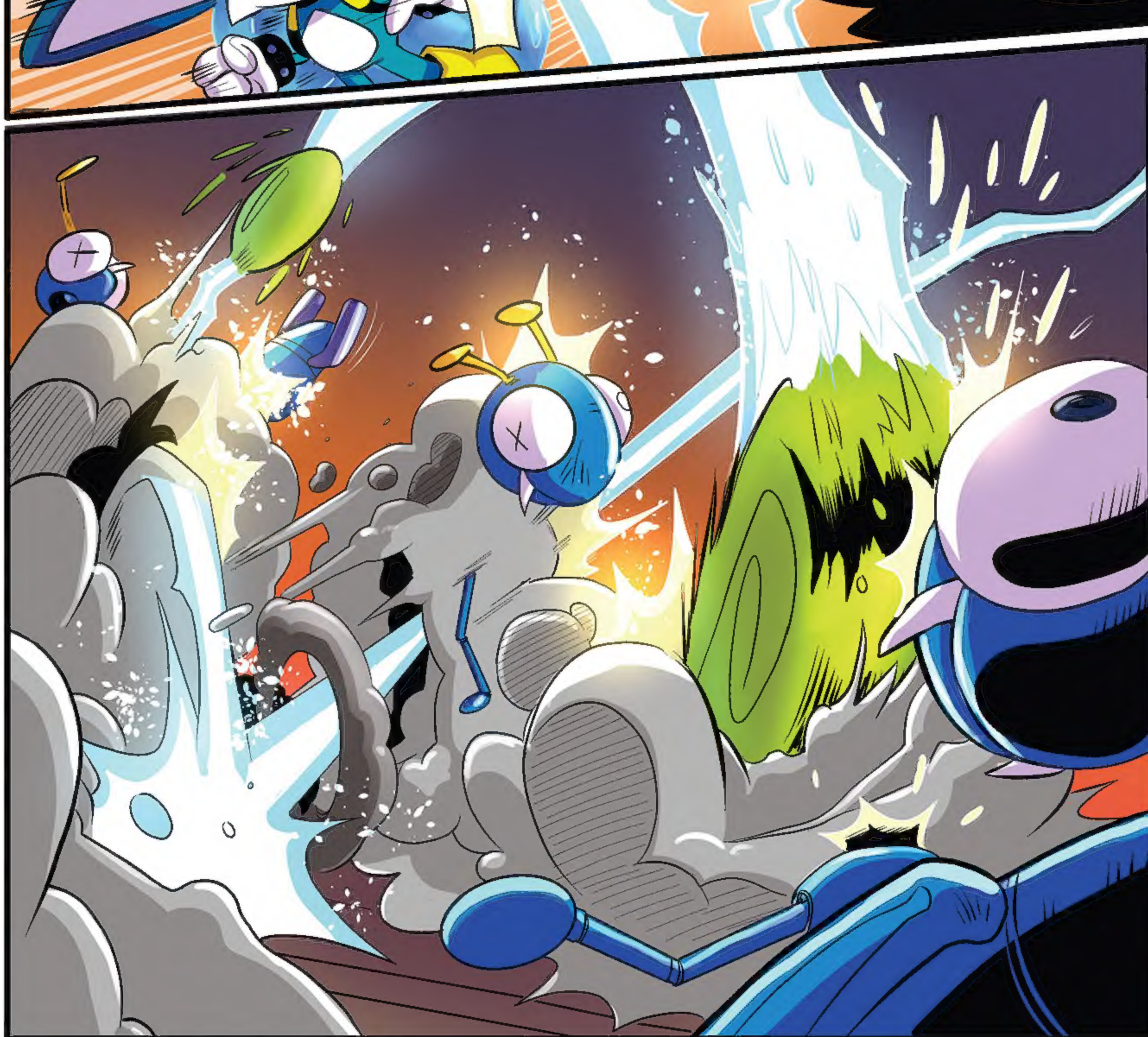
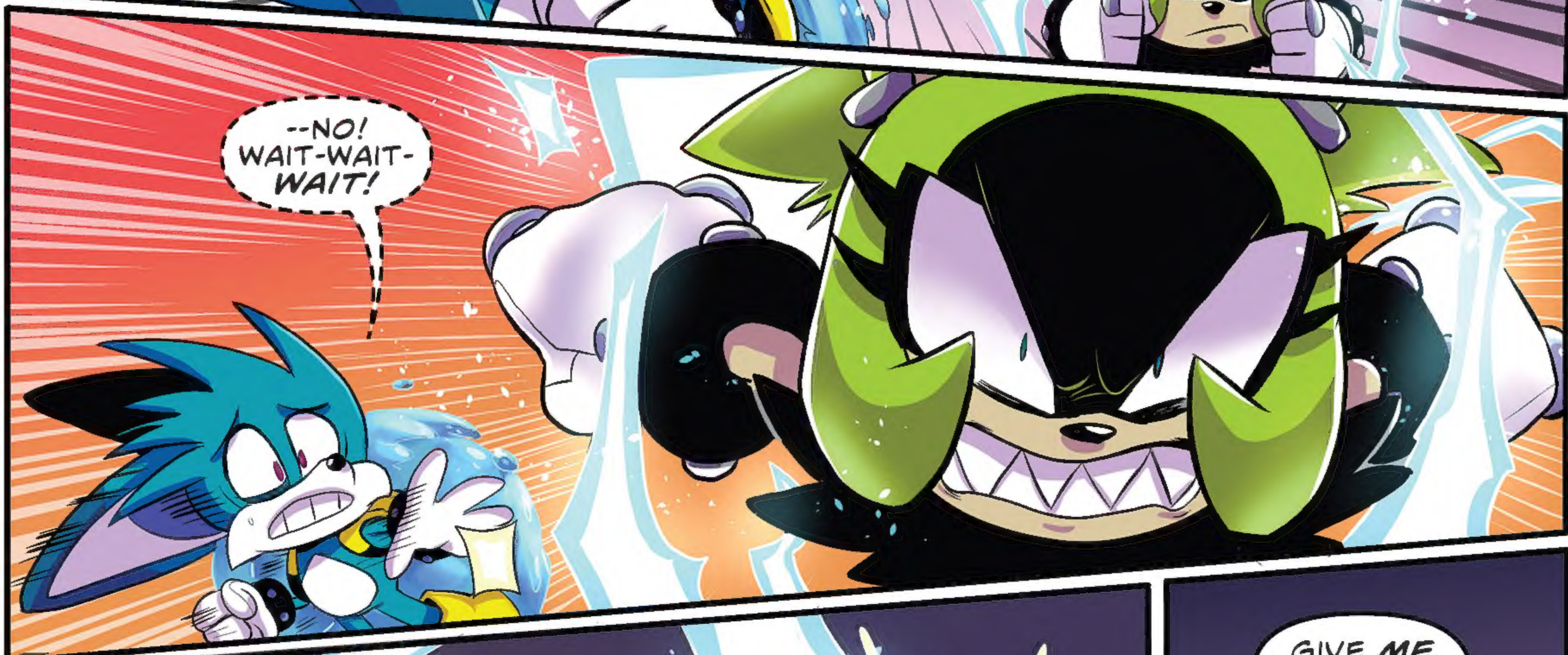
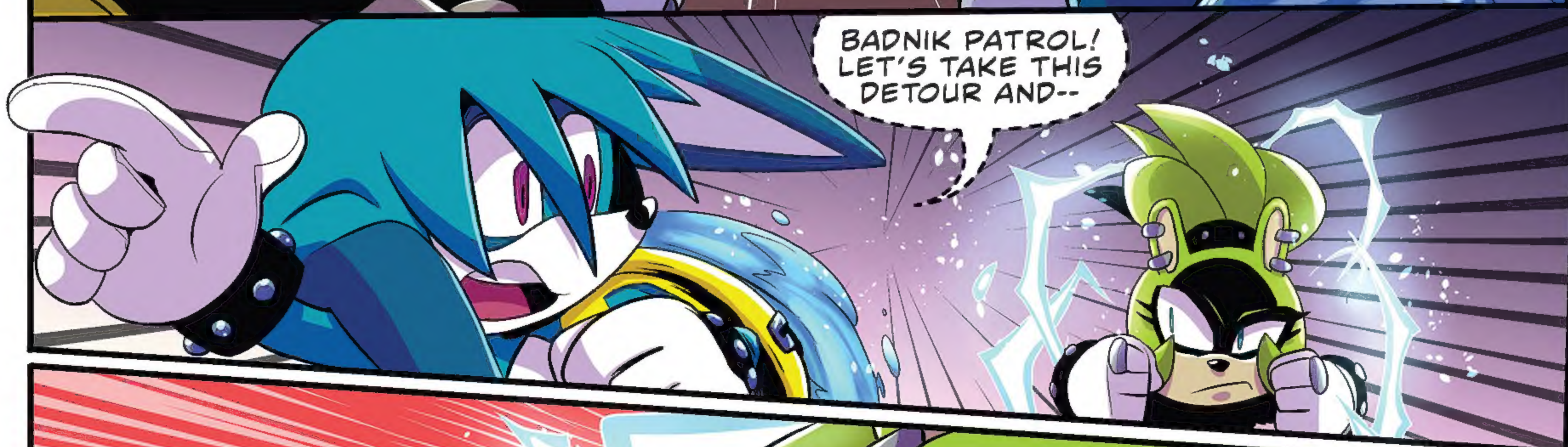
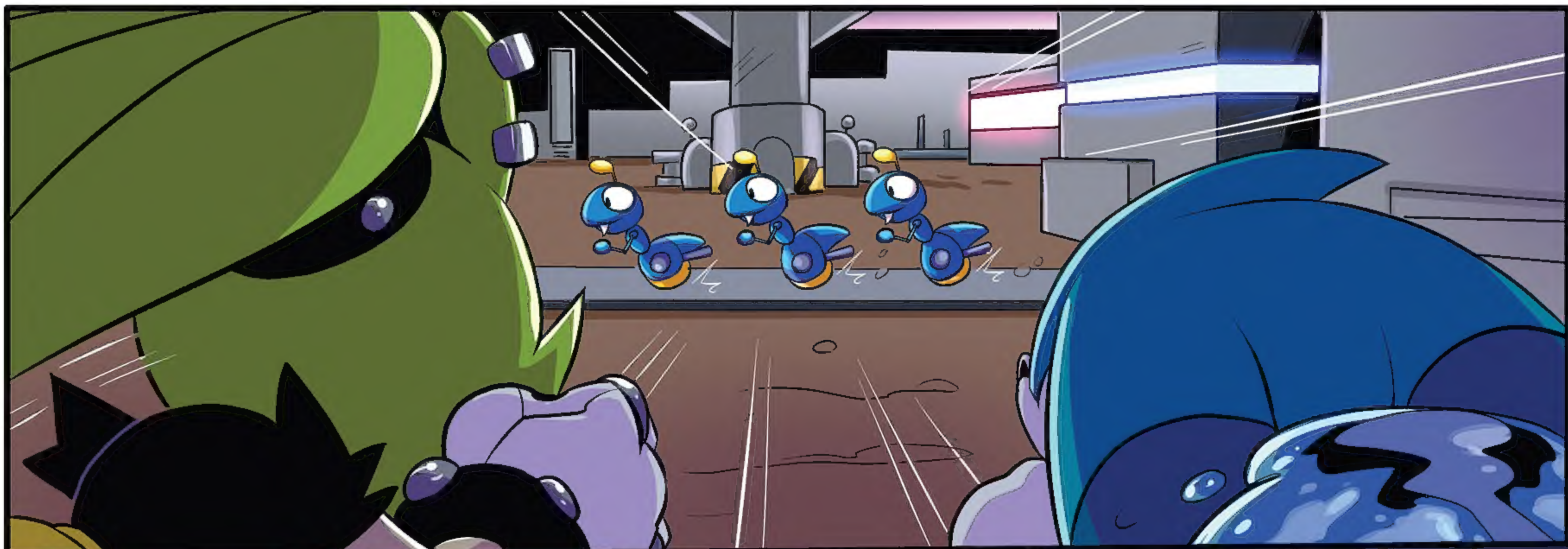




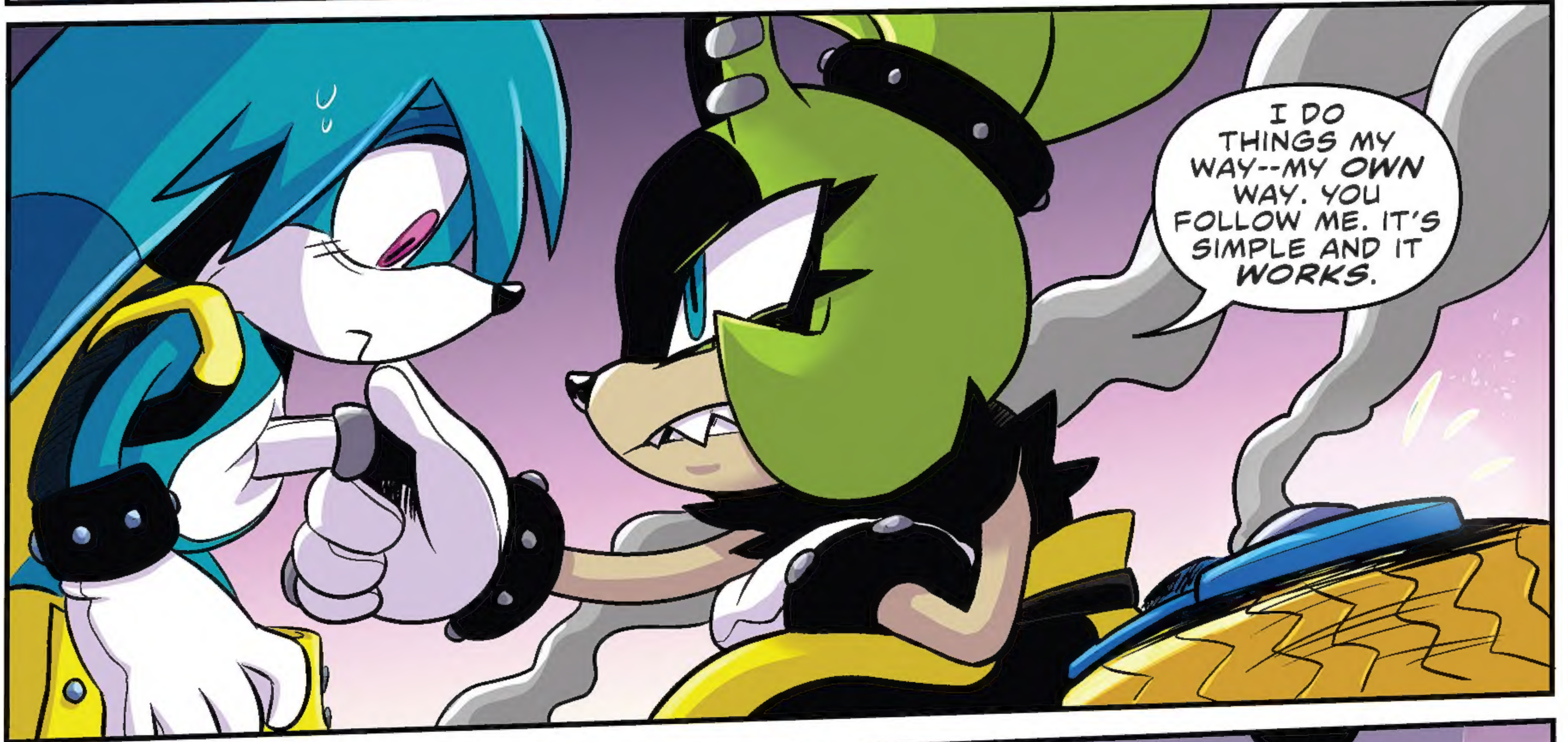
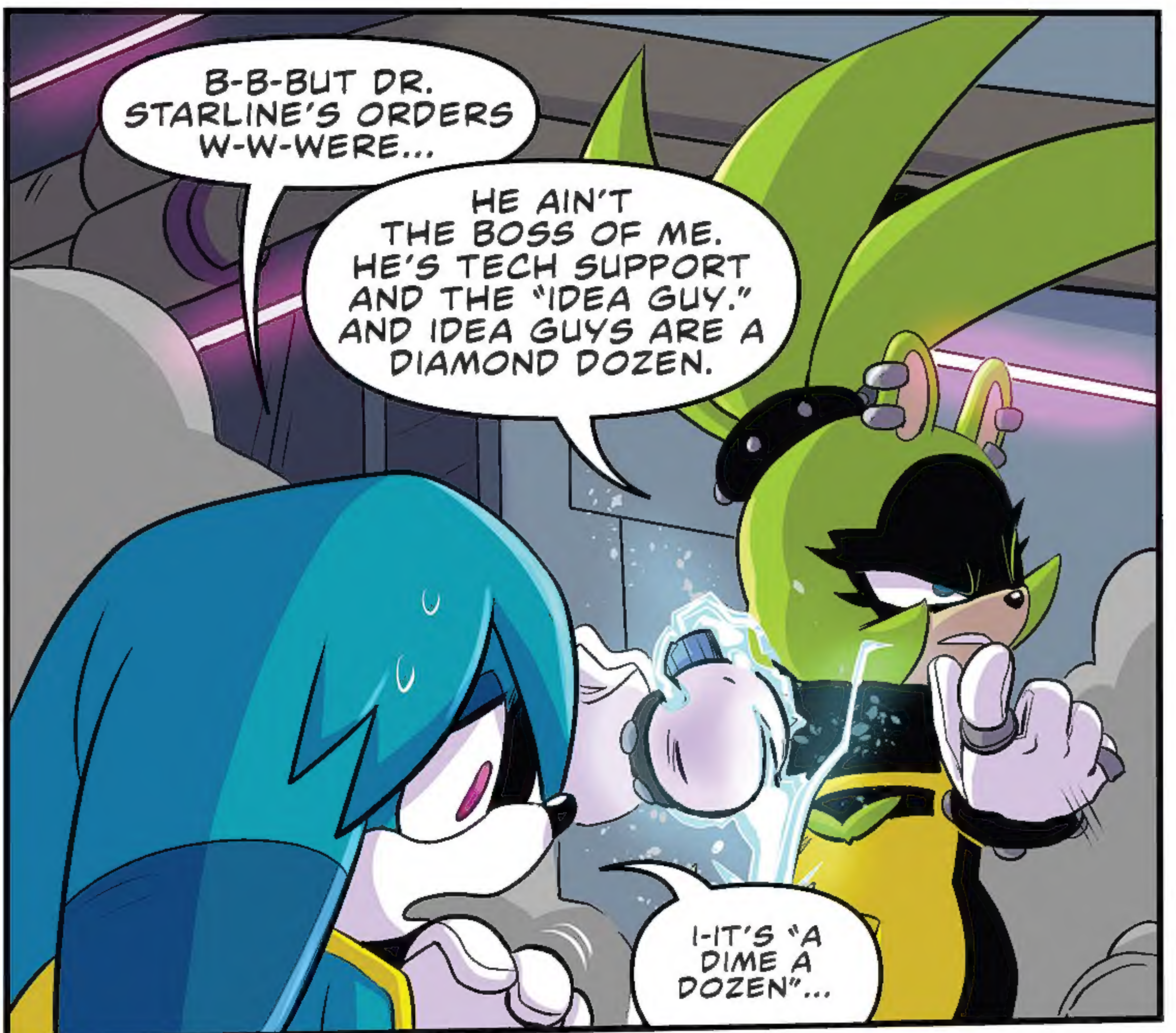




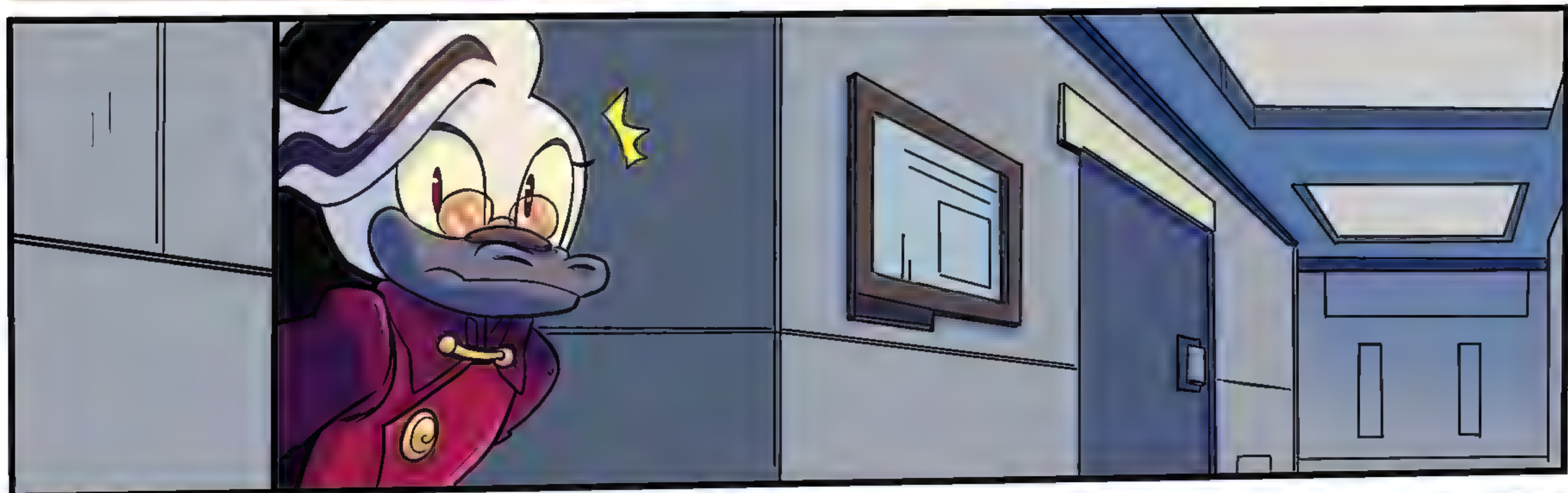
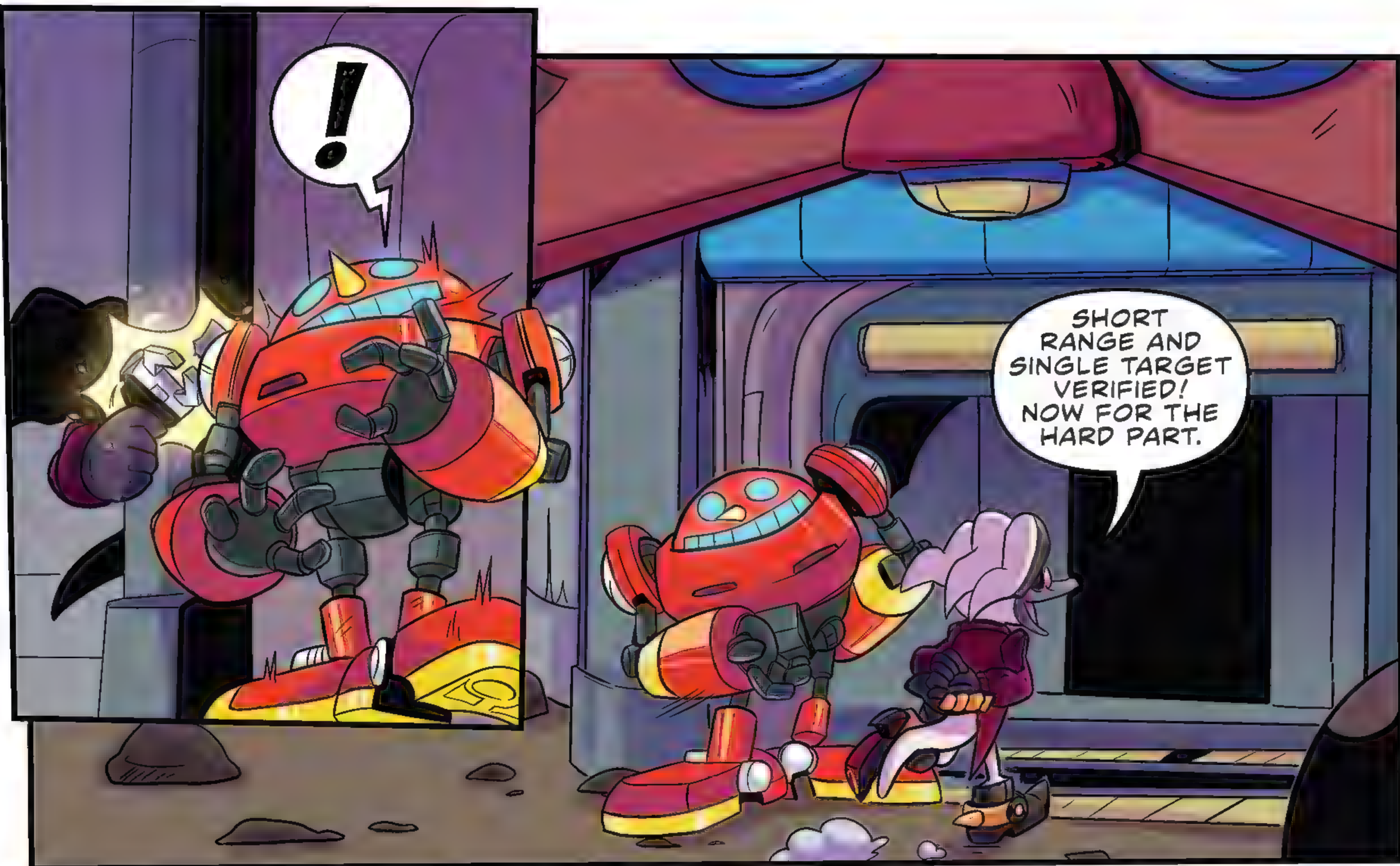




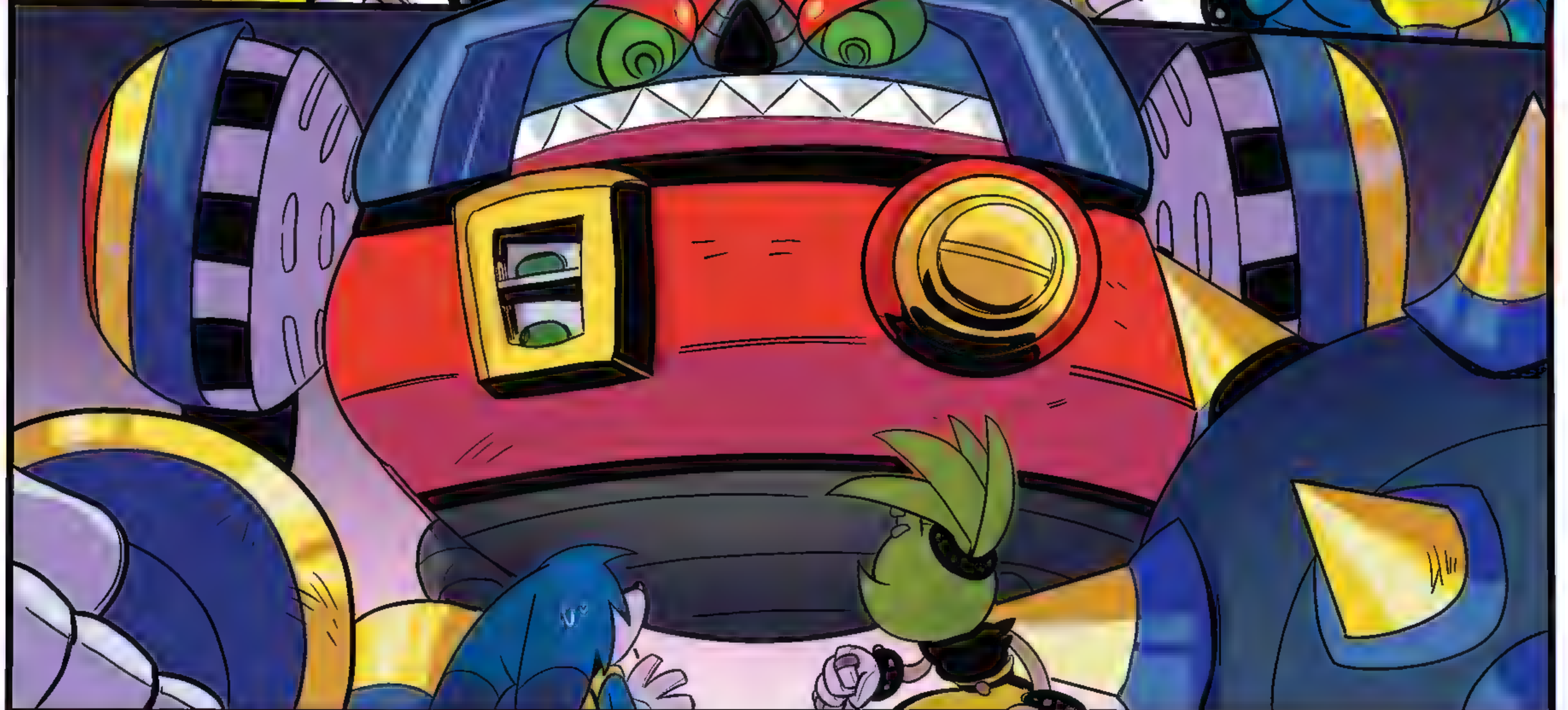




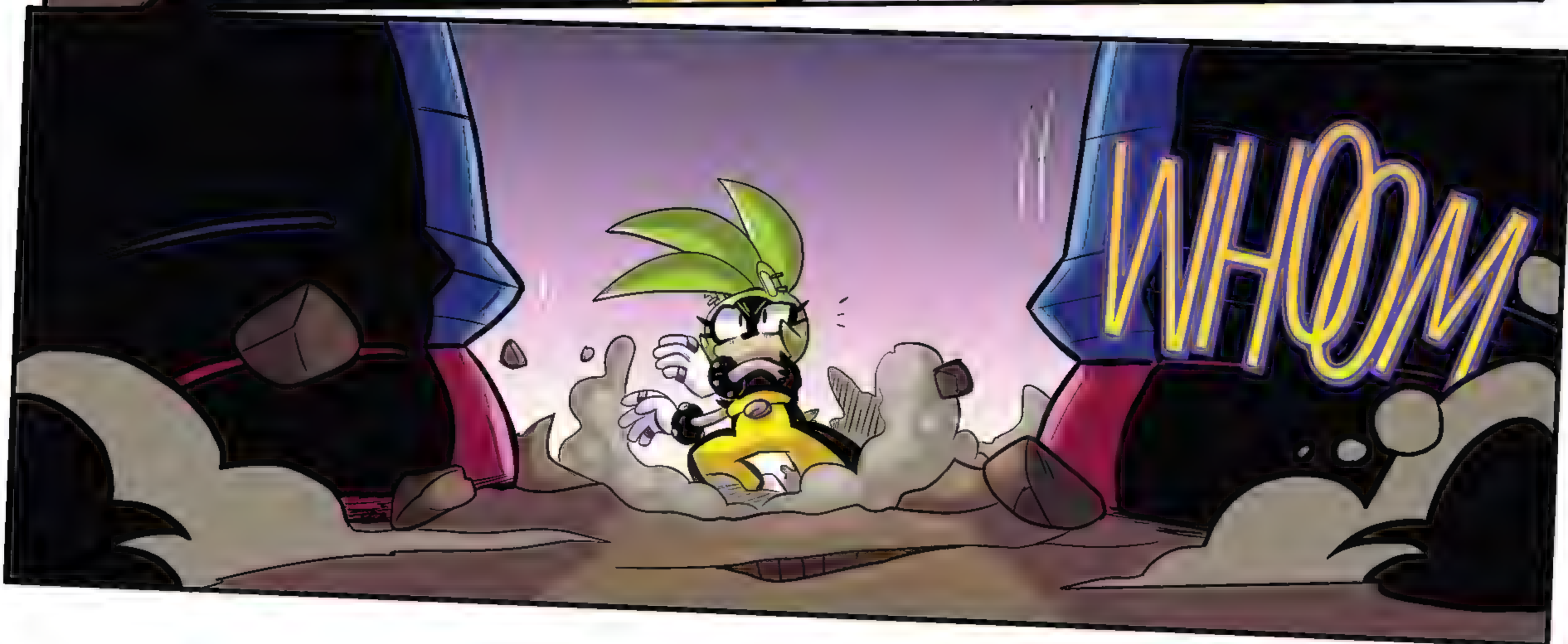
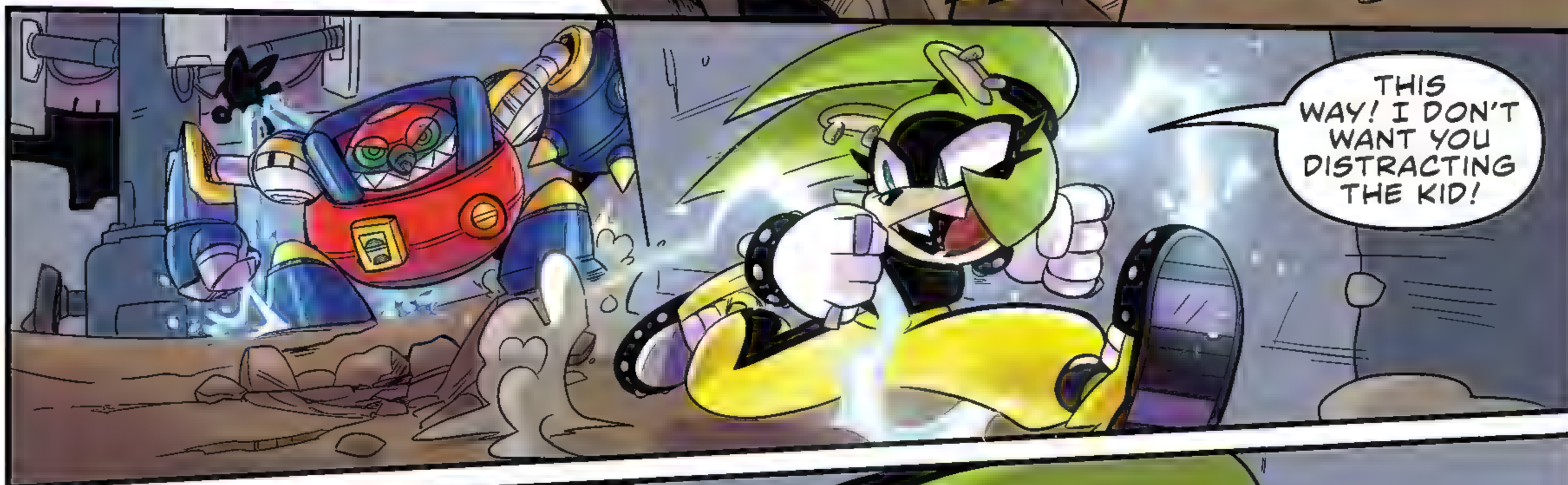




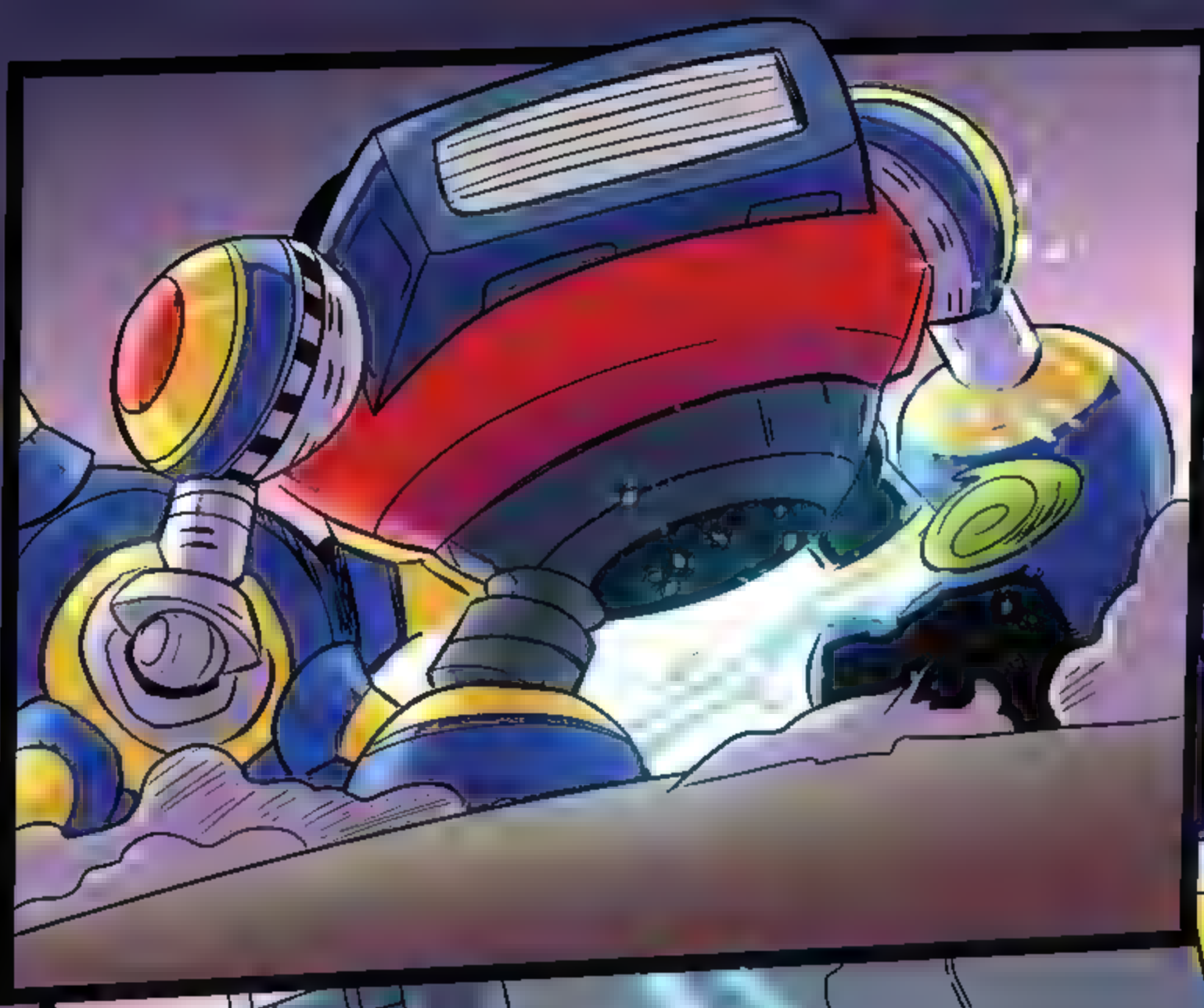




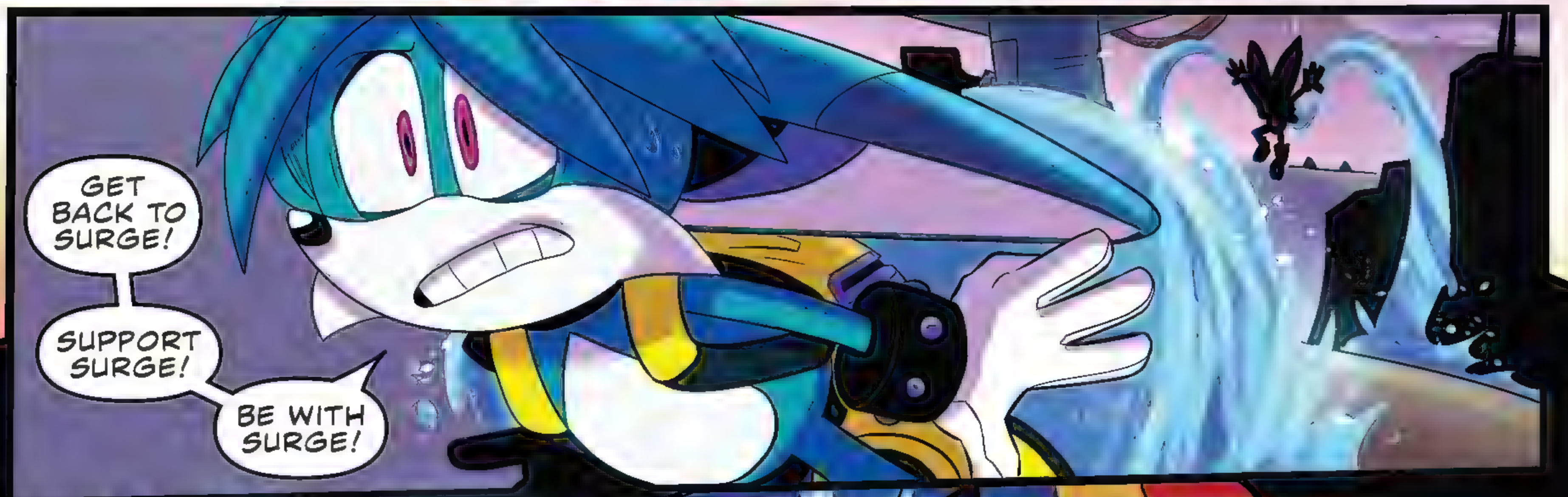




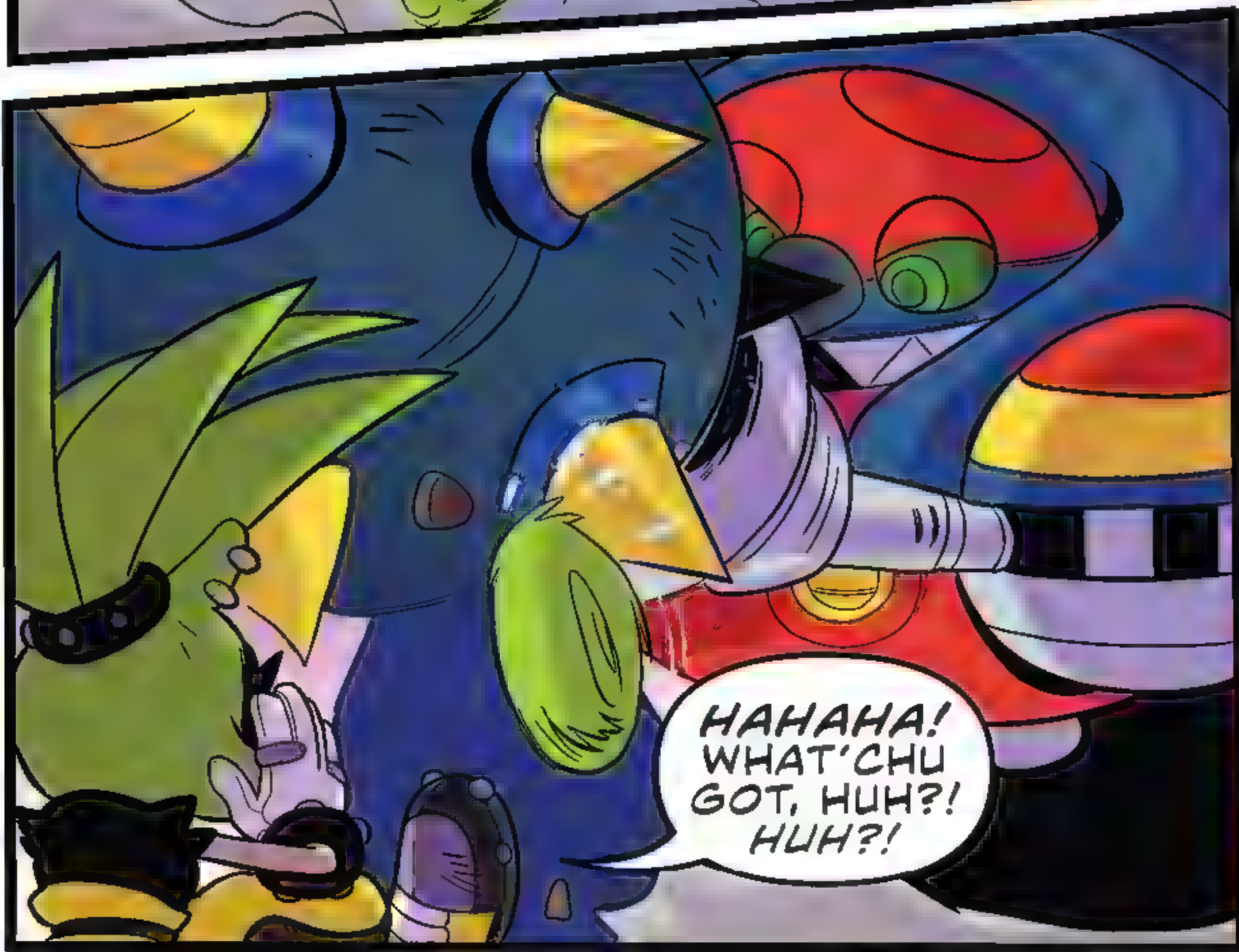
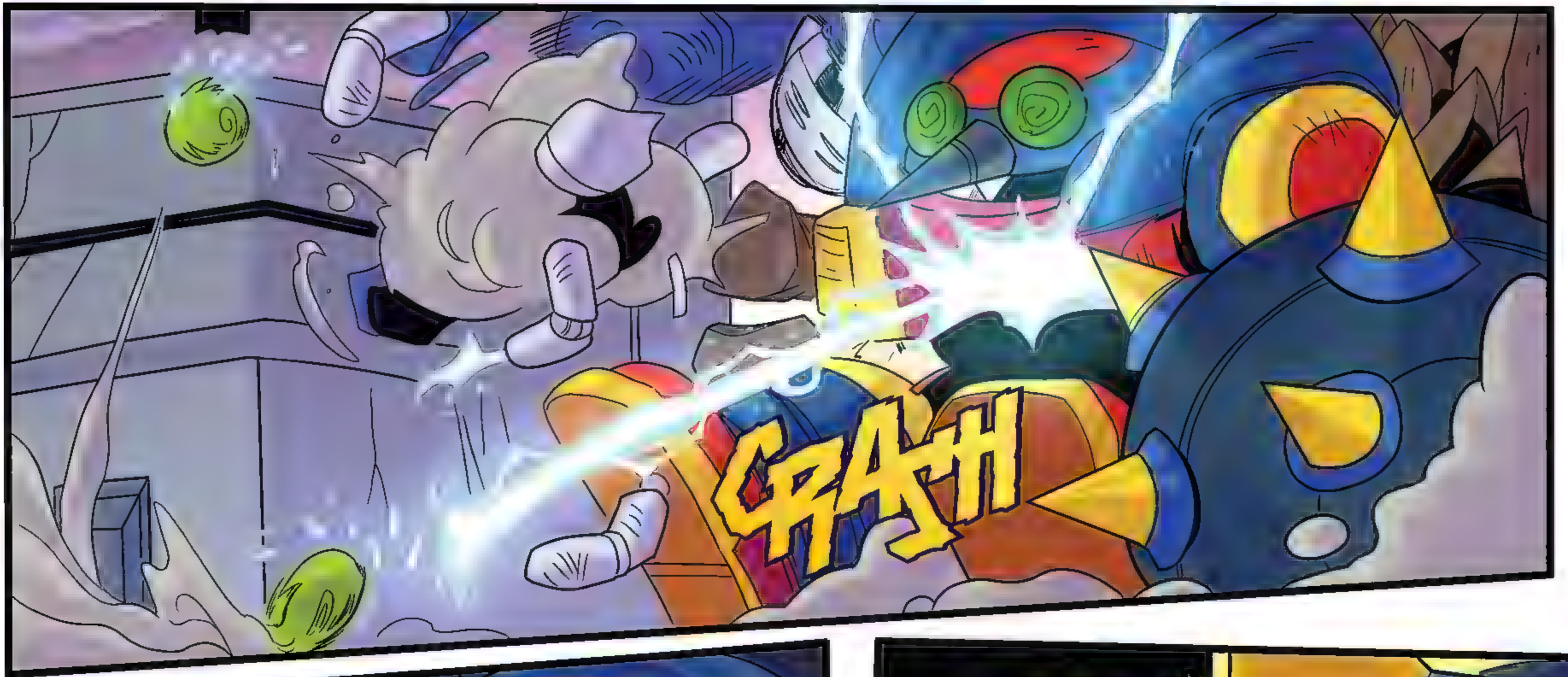




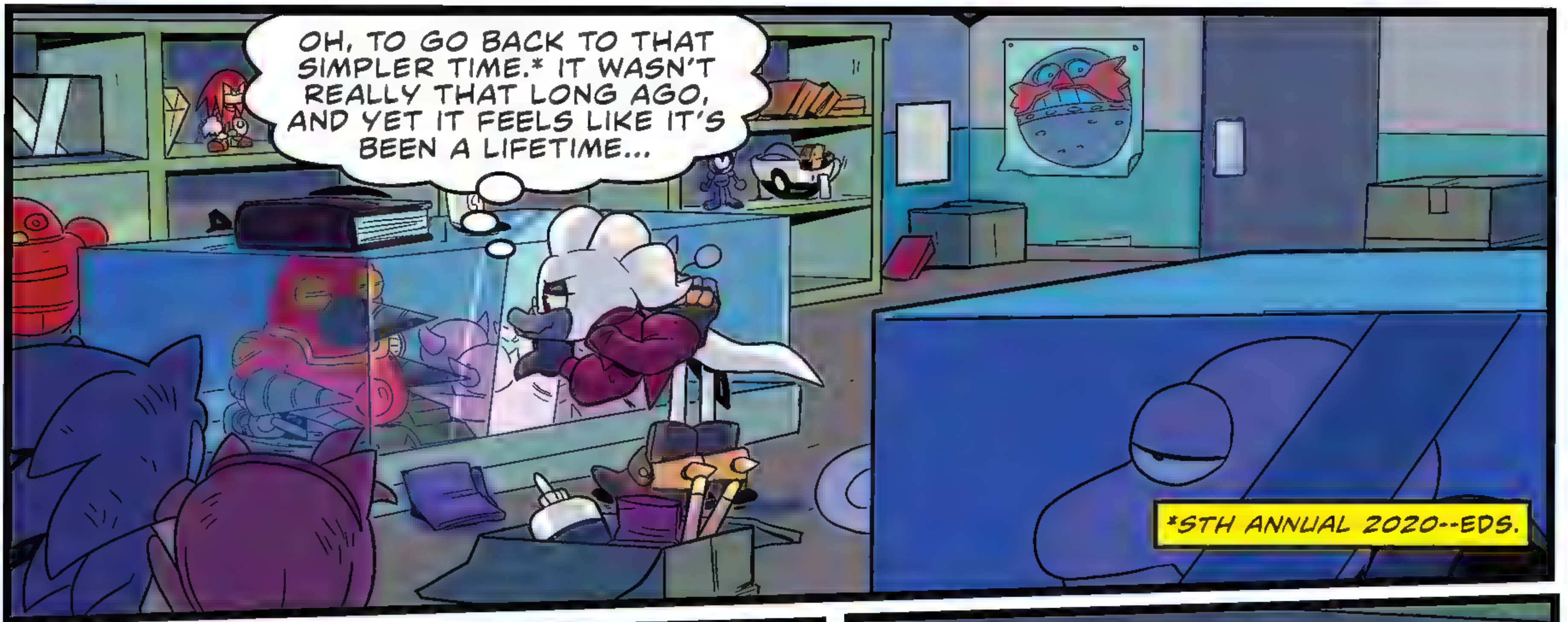












OH, TO GO BACK TO THAT SIMPLER TIME.\* IT WASN'T REALLY THAT LONG AGO, AND YET IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN A LIFETIME...

\*STH ANNUAL 2020--EDS.



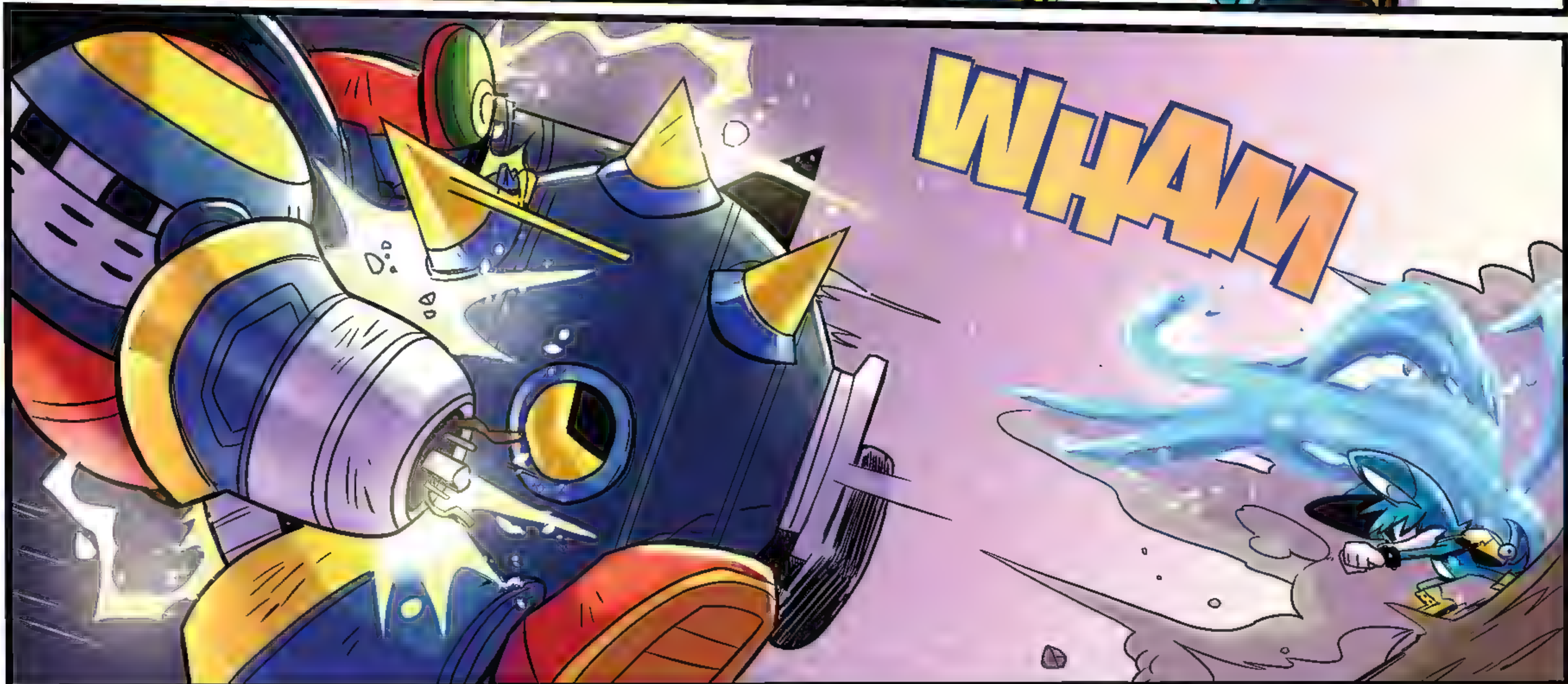
...BACK WHEN I WAS STILL ENAMORED WITH THE SPECTACLE. A NAIVE ADMIRER OF A BRILLIANT BUT FLAWED MAN.



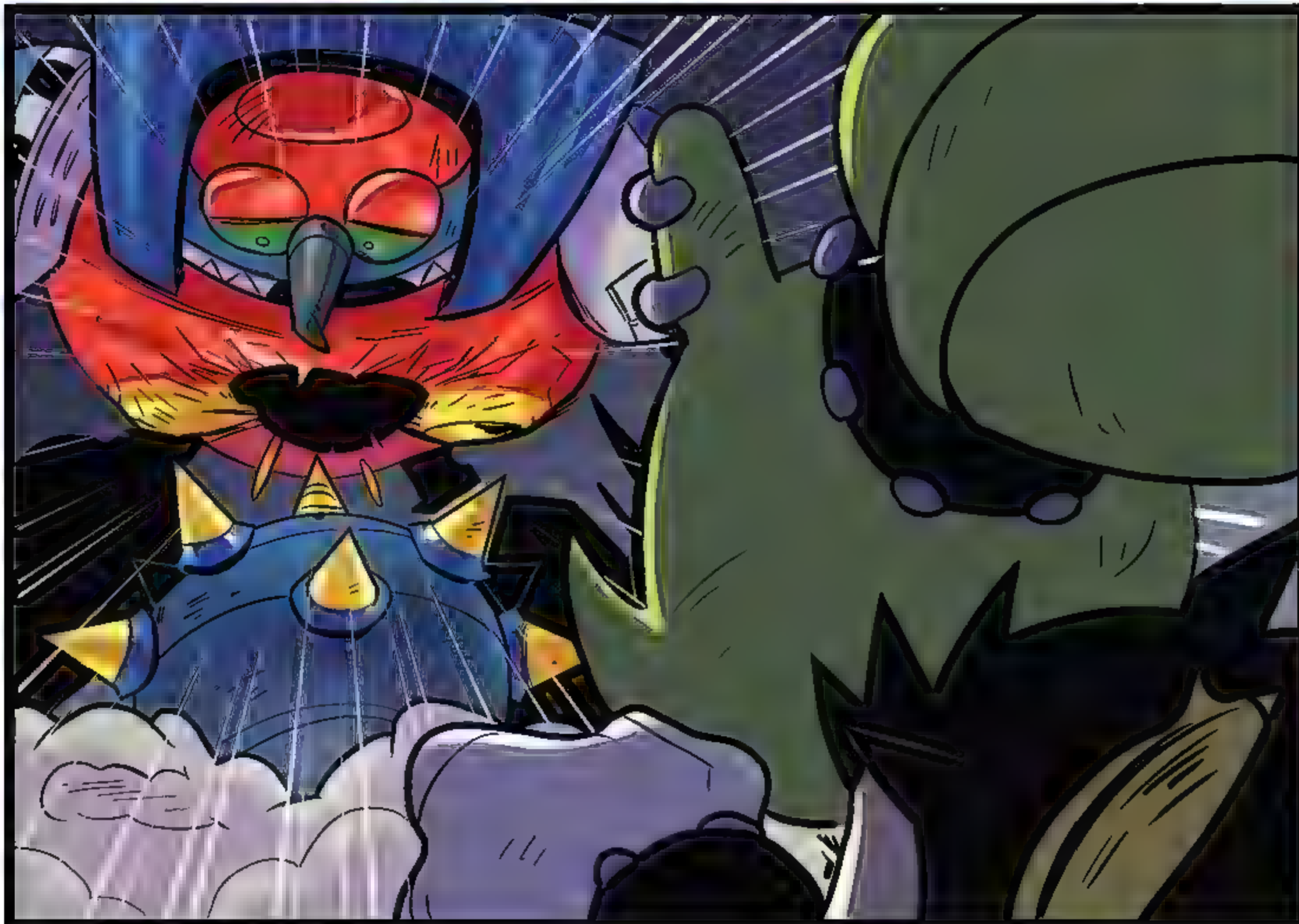
THE VEIL HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM MY EYES. I WILL SUPPLANT THE DOCTOR AND PROVE MY METHODS SUPERIOR.

ONCE HE'S SEEN THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS, I WILL WELCOME HIM BACK TO MY SIDE, AND WE CAN RULE THIS WORLD TOGETHER.

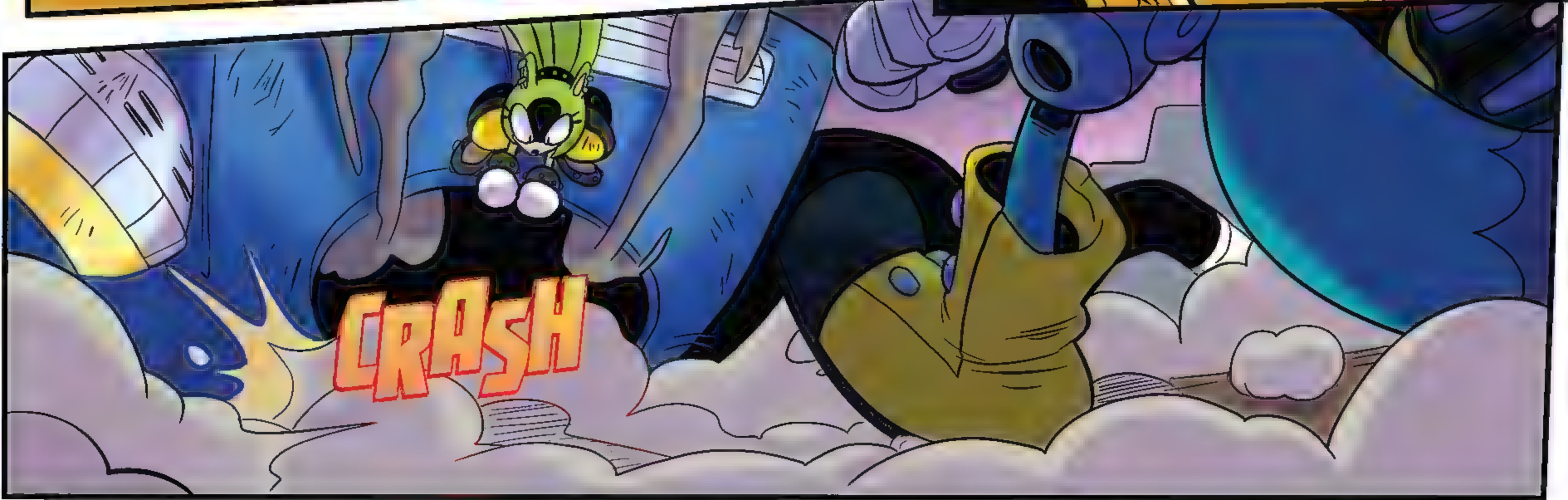
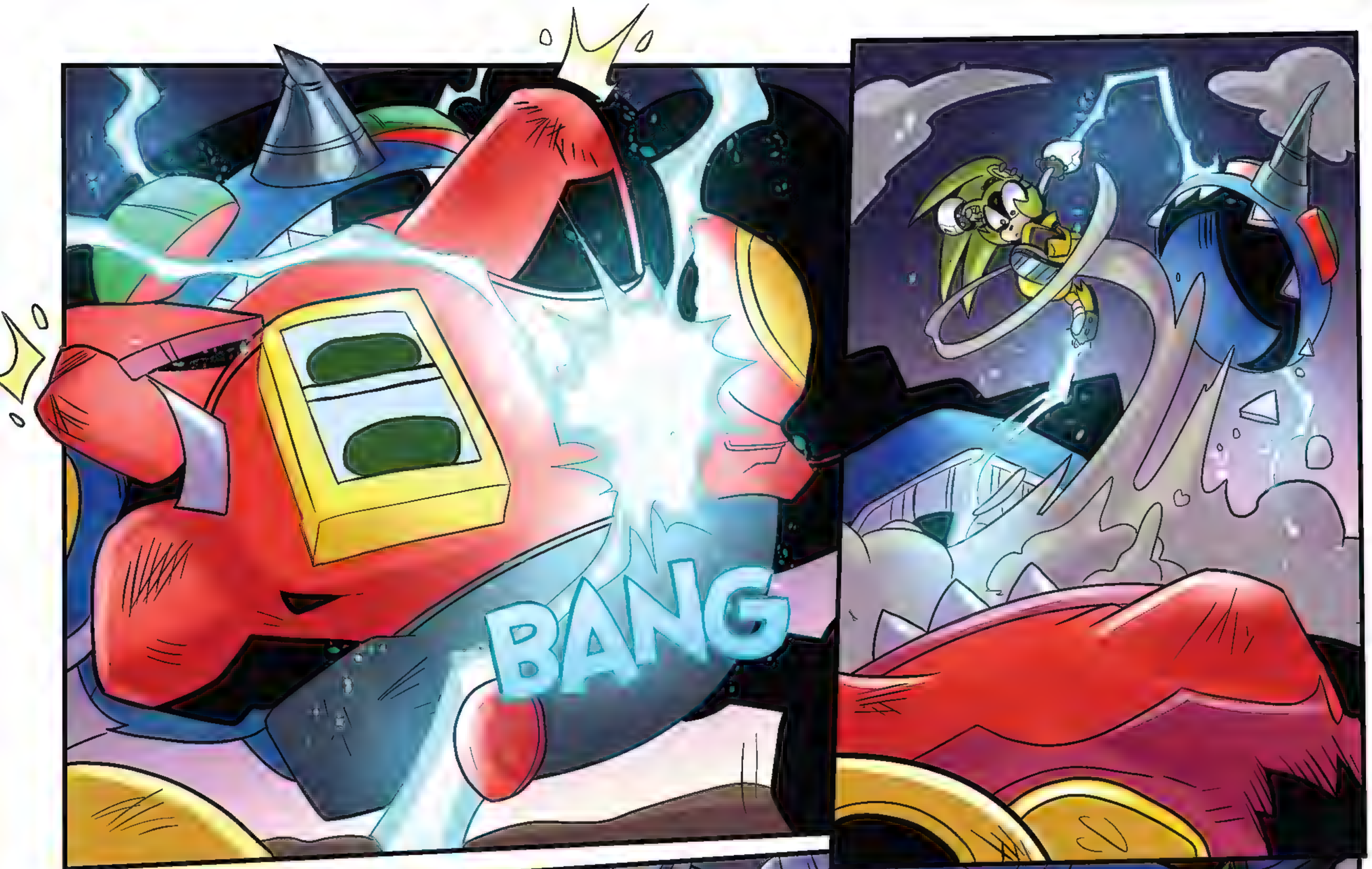




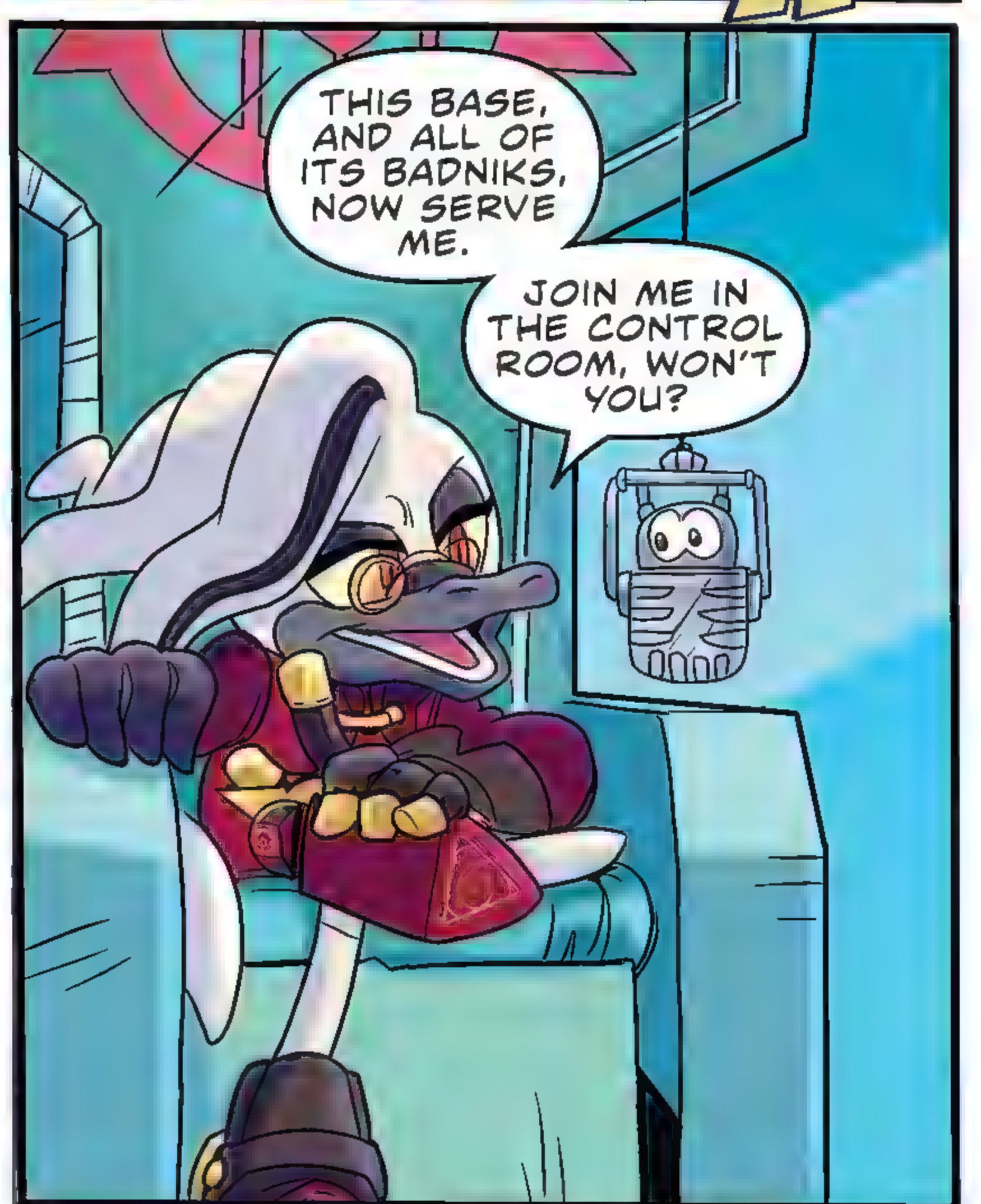
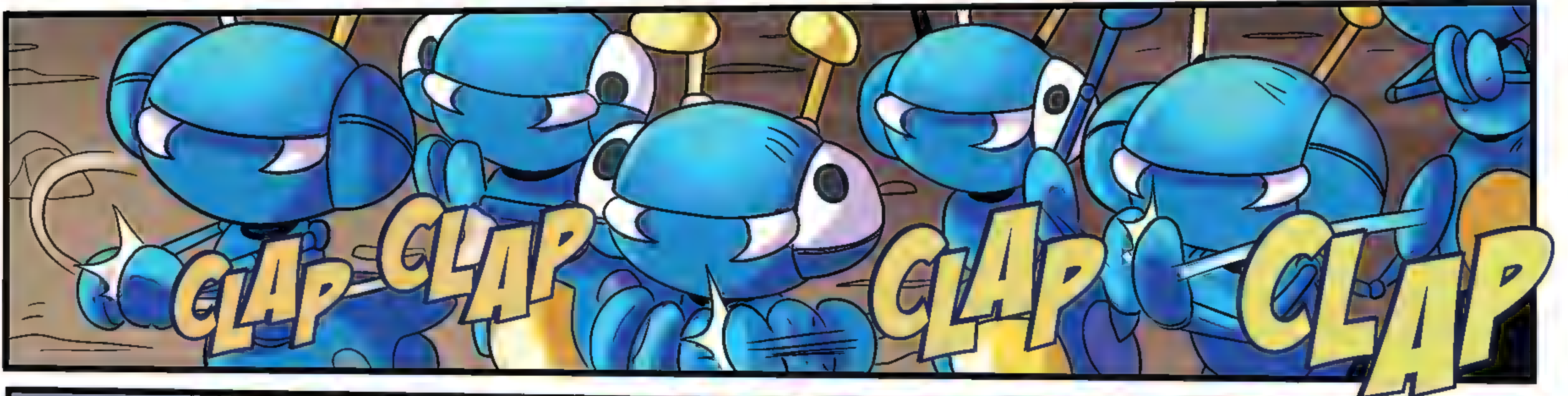
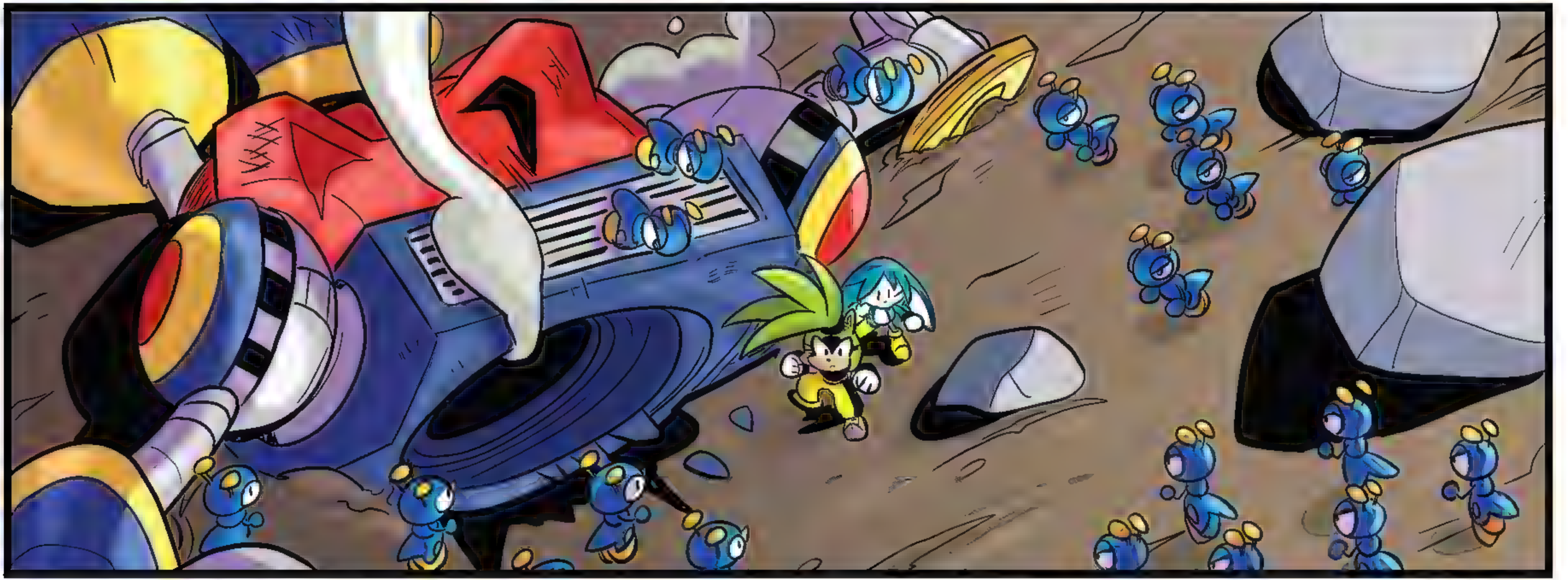




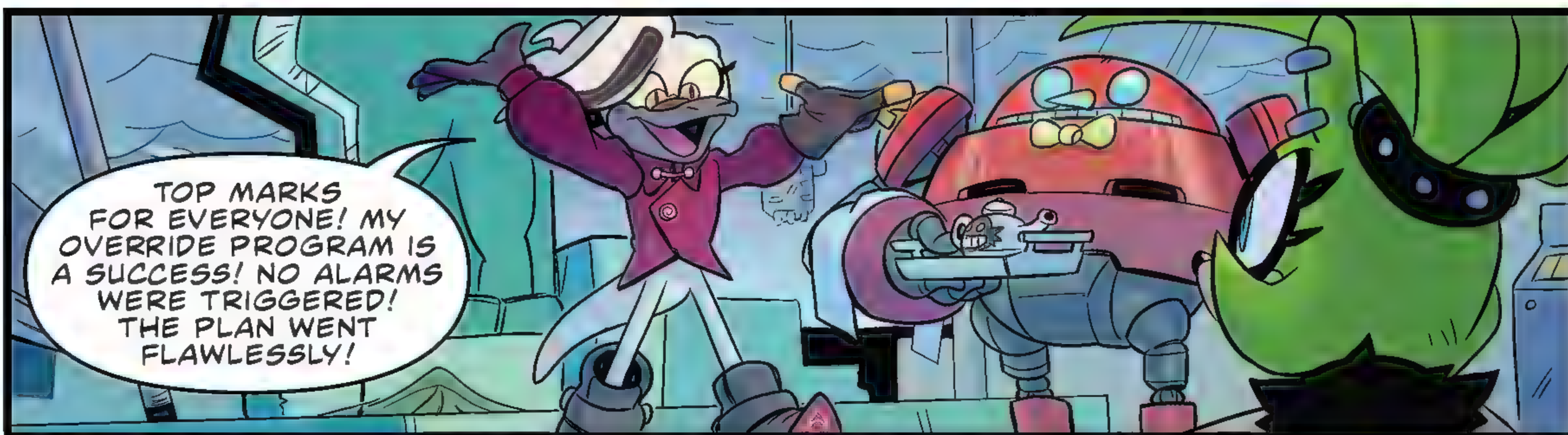
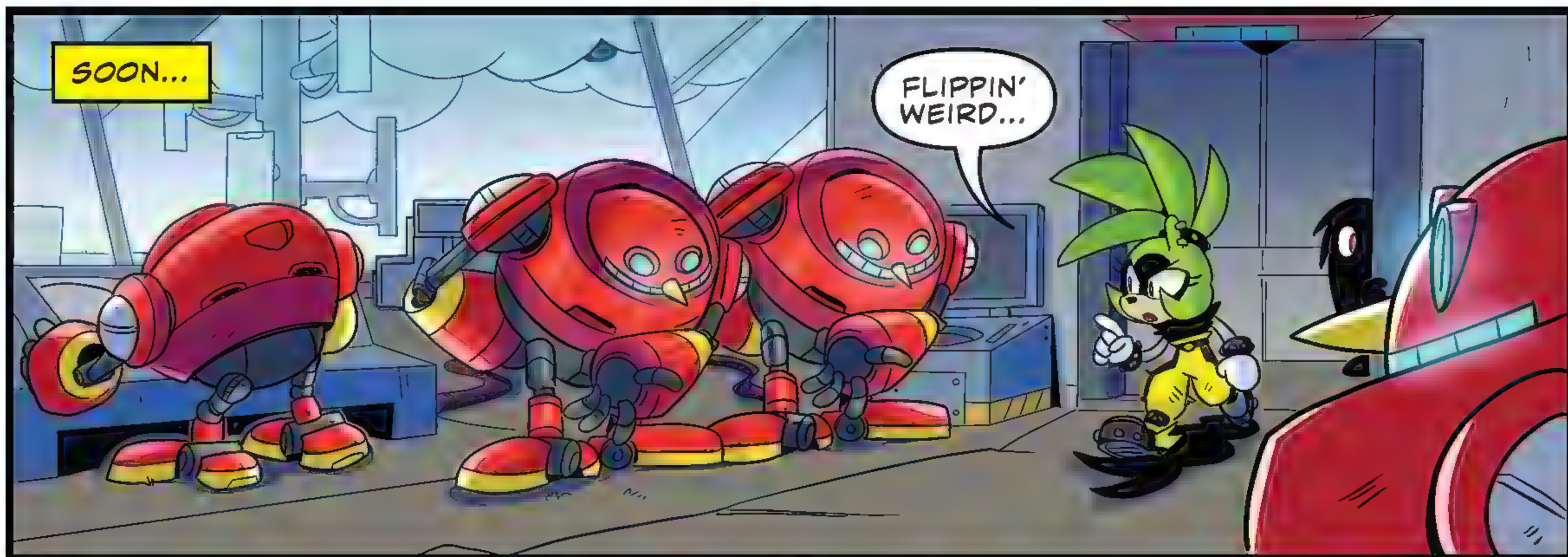




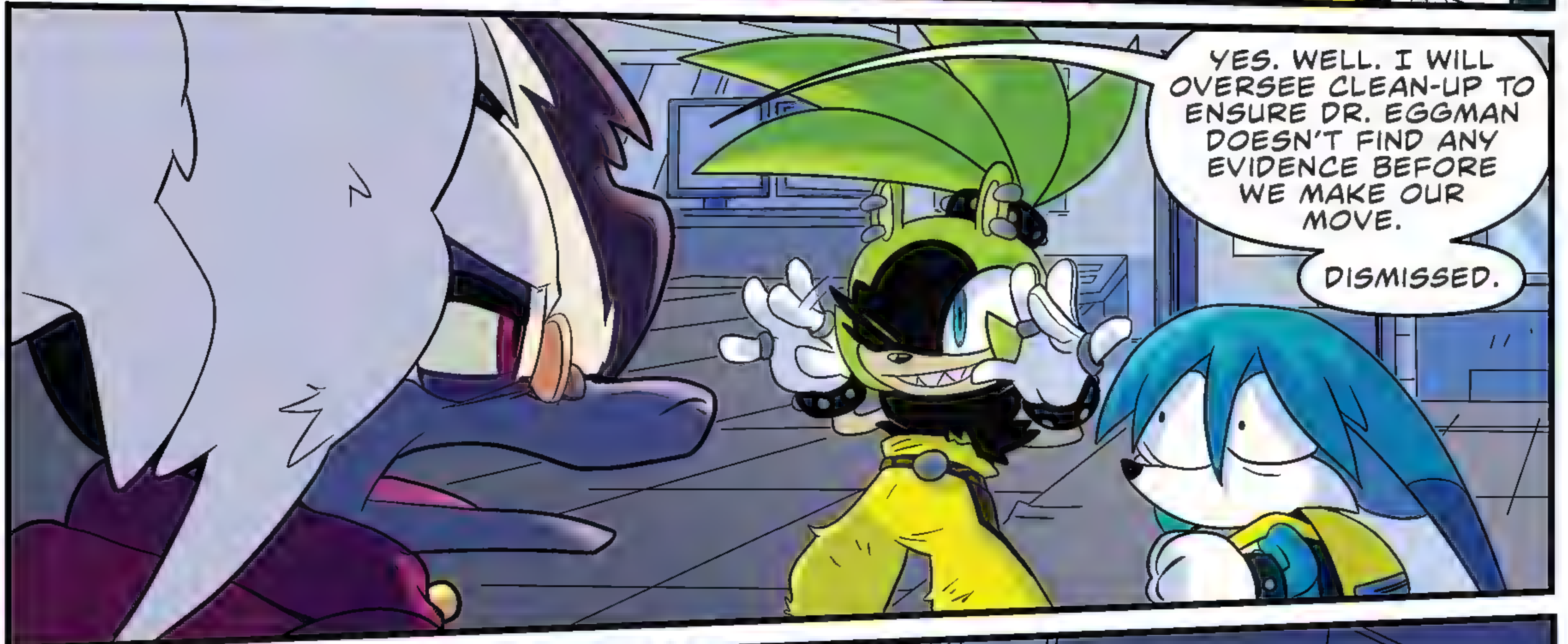
















THAT HIT SHOULD'VE KILLED YOU!  
WE SHOULD TELL THE DOCTOR SO  
HE CAN MAKE SURE YOU'RE  
OKAY!

WE'RE NOT  
TELLING HIM  
ANYTHING.

B-BUT HE  
ENHANCED US!  
HE'D KNOW...

YEAH?  
ENHANCED US  
HOW? WHAT  
EXACTLY DID  
HE DO?



I... I  
DON'T  
KNOW...



UH-HUH. I  
KNOW A LOT  
OF WHAT, BUT  
NOT A LOT OF  
WHY.

MY OWN  
THOUGHTS  
AREN'T ADDING  
UP. I KNOW  
THE DOC IS THE  
CENTER OF IT.



I'M GOING  
TO NEED YOUR  
HELP TO SORT  
THIS OUT. I CAN  
COUNT ON YOU,  
RIGHT?

Y-YES,  
MA'AM! ALWAYS!  
ANYTHING!



WHERE  
DO WE  
START?

STARLINE  
NEEDS TO HEAR  
HIMSELF TALK. WE  
FIND HIS RECORDS.  
WE FIND OUT WHAT  
HE DID TO US. AND  
THEN WE MAKE HIM  
HURT FOR IT.

**NEXT TIME:**  
**THE SHOCKING TRUTH!**





**NEXT MONTH**





# SONIC

# LETTERS SQUAD



*Hello, Imposters! Oooh, things are getting juicy! What is Starline up to?! Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Thomas Rothlisberger, Gigi Dutreix, Valentina Pinto, and Shawn Lee for Imposter Syndrome #2! Our inbox has been flooded with Imposter Syndrome art, so check out some below!*

*The IDW Sonic team would like to extend their apologies to Kymani and Rechi as their art was improperly credited in Imposter Syndrome #1. While we love Surge and Kit, we don't want to have any art imposters on our hands! Thank you, Kymani and Rechi, for your lovely art.*



Hi everyone from IDW team,

My name is Daniela and I'm from Czech Republic. I have been a Sonic fan since first Sonic Movie trailer came out and that was when I was 13. Man, I am so happy I saw this movie, it hyped me a lot and made me make an art account on Instagram where I've been posting my arts since the day I became 14. I found so many amazing friends thanks to the Sonic community, this was one of the best decisions I've made in my life. I started with traditional art on paper I had at home and 8 months later I tried digital art on my phone. I can't believe how much I've improved!

This is one of the latest artworks I made recently.

I can't even imagine how much effort do you put into these amazing comics, they are so cool! I would like to try some





mini comics too but I didn't push myself into that yet hehe. I love *Tangle and Whisper* series and I am very excited for *Imposter Syndrome* series, I love designs of Surge and Kit.

All of you are awesome and inspiring artists, thank you for giving us these amazing adventures with Sonic and his friends. Keep up the good work!

Best regards, Daeny

Hi, Daeny,

*It's so heart-warming to hear that you've made friends and found your passion because of Sonic. Your art is wonderful, I'm so impressed that you've made so much progress in such little time. Making your own comics is intimidating, but I bet you'd be great at it. Since you love Tangle and Whisper, and Surge and Kit, maybe a comic about another fun duo would be a good place to start? Thank you for your kind words and art!*

Hello! First off, I wanted to say that I adore Surge and Kit's designs; They look so amazing! Second off, I wanted to ask if Surge and Kit have lightning and water powers because Sonic dislikes water and



Tails is scared of thunder/lightning or if it was unintentional. Either way I'm looking forward to seeing more of them (and others) in future issues, thank you and good luck to the IDW staff in the future!

Ava M

*Hello, Ava,*

*That was indeed intentional! When Ian Flynn, Evan Stanley, and Mauro Fonseca were working with the IDW and Sega teams to finalize Surge and Kit's designs, they made sure that the Imposters would be formidable opponents. Lots of thought and care went into their designs, so thank you for your kind words about them!*

*Thank you for joining us, Squad. Please don't forget to send your art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, pick up Sonic the Hedgehog #48 to see what the Chaotix are up to!*





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